Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : The Government have heard it said that 2 or 3 of the Hallayi merchants of Mattancheri were giving out that they intended to move their place of business to Travancore side ; but none has left so far.

ARTICLE IN THE "MALABAR MAIL"—SALES OF RICE & SCOUT ORGANISATIONS

66. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)* : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have noted the article under the caption "അരിവില്പനകാര്യം—സ്കൗട്ടുകാരുടെ സേവനം ഗോണ്ടെന്നു" on page 3, column 1 of the "Malabar Mail", dated 28th June 1942 ;

(*b*) whether the "Rice Sale Controlling Officer" had sent replies referred to in the article mentioned above that "15 bags of rice a week will be issued to you from Chalakkudi Depot for cash" in reply to the letter of Edavam 17th from the workers of the Adur Group Scout Group and whether for the letter dated June 13th from the same body, the Diwan Peishkar replied on 24th June that "Now rice is sold only to recognised retailers. When the sphere is enlarged, the question of distribution of rice through persons like you will be considered;"

(*c*) if so, will Government be pleased to inform the reason which prompted Government for a sudden change of policy ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) There was no change of policy at all. The first order was issued presumably on an incorrect understanding by the Rice Control Officer as to whom rice was to be sold from the depots.

TRANSPORT OF RICE TO THE VARIOUS DEPOTS FROM COCHIN OR ERNAKULAM—CONTRACTS REGARDING

67. Mr. C. K. S. Moni *(Nominated)* : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the transport of rice to the various depots from Cochin or Ernakulam was entrusted to any company on contract ;

(*b*) the rate at which the contract was given ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) At the time the contract was given reasonable rates were promised. The following are the rates sanctioned.—

		Rs.	A.	P.	
Cochin godown to	Mattancheri Registry office and Calvetty	6	4	0	per 100 bags
Do.	to Trippunittura	12	8	0	do.
Do.	Cochin Godown to Sn. Chittur ..	7	13	0	do.
Do.	to Ernakulam	9	6	0	do.
Do.	to Cranganur	15	10	0	do.
Do.	to Irinjalakkuda	18	12	0	do.
Do.	to Chalakkudi	28	2	0	do.

NO. OF PERSONS IN THE MENIAL SERVICE IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—PARTICULARS OF

68. Mr. C. K. S. Moni *(Nominated)* : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total number of persons in the menial service in the Education Department ;

(*b*) the number of Arayans ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)* : (*a*) 283.

(*b*) 1.

ABOLITION OF CERTAIN SANSKRIT SCHOOLS

69. Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon *(Narakkal)* : Will Government be pleased to State.—

(*a*) has any school been discontinued this year by the Management ;

(*b*) if so, what was the reason therefor ;

(*c*) have Government taken any action in the mater ?

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